

FISCAL NOTE

HB 490 - SB 900

March 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the filing of a juvenile petition to include an unruly child. Authorizes a court to require an unruly child and such child's parent or guardian to attend counseling. Any parent or guardian willfully failing to attend such counseling will be found to be contributing to the delinquency or unruly behavior of a child.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller's Office, there will not be a significant increase in the number of unruly child petitions filed. Such will not have a significant increase on local government expenditures.
- Currently, courts can order counseling for juveniles and parents or guardians. Such will not have a fiscal impact on local government resources.
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-156 finds that any adult who contributes to or encourages the delinquency or unruly behavior of a child commits a Class A misdemeanor, triable in the circuit or criminal court. Such will not have a significant increase in local government expenditures or revenues.
- There will not be a significant number of individuals who will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. Such will not have a significant increase on local government expenditures or revenues.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director